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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/594,161	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MURAKOSO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> ELMITO BREVAL	<b>Art Unit</b> 2889	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 October 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida (JP: 2003-308783) of record by the applicant.

**Regarding claim 1**, Uchida ('783) teaches (in at least figs. 1, 2, and 6; abstract; figs. 1 and 2 only disclose the data electrodes being wider in a peripheral portion) a plasma display panel comprising: a front substrate (5; i.e. the first substrate), a plurality of pairs of scanning electrodes (2a) and sustaining electrodes (2B) arrayed oppositely and parallel in one direction, and a back substrate (6; i.e. the second substrate) with a plurality of back electrodes (1A; i.e. the data electrodes) arrayed in the other direction perpendicular to the scanning electrodes, with barriers ribs (7) in between to form discharge spaces; wherein the plurality of back electrodes (1a; i.e. the data electrodes) entering the discharge spaces at an entry side on a data driver extend with an electrode width constantly wide from the entry side (i.e. the peripheral portion) and constantly narrow from the middle to the end side.

**Regarding claim 2**, Uchida ('783) teaches (in at least abstract) the plurality of back electrodes (1a; i.e. the data electrodes) entering the discharge spaces at an entry

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side on a data driver extend with an electrode width constantly wide from the entry side (i.e. the peripheral portion) and constantly narrow from the middle to the end side.

**Regarding claim 3**, Uchida ('783) teaches (in at least figs. 1 and 2) the back electrodes (1A; i.e. the data electrodes) having the end portion wider than the central portion increases in width continuously from the central portion of the second (6) toward the peripheral portion of the second substrate.

**Regarding claim 4**, Uchida ('783) teaches (in at least abstract) a back substrate (6; i.e. the second substrate) with a plurality of back electrodes (1a; i.e. data electrodes) arrayed in the other direction perpendicular to the scanning electrodes and sustaining electrodes; wherein the plurality of back electrodes (1a; i.e. the data electrodes) entering the discharge spaces at an entry side on a data driver extend with an electrode width constantly wide from the entry side (i.e. the peripheral portion) and constantly narrow from the middle to the end side.

**Regarding claim 5**, Uchida ('783) teaches (in at least figs. 1 and 2) the back electrodes (1A; i.e. the data electrodes) having the end portion wider than the central portion increases in width continuously from the central portion of the second (6) toward the peripheral portion of the second substrate.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELMITO BREVAL whose telephone number is (571)270-3099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30 AM-5:00 Pm).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Toan Ton can be reached on (571)-272-2303. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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